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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

## 1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

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a.  Previously submitted  
 i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ FEB 05 2003  
 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).  
 ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
 iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_ TECH CENTER 1600/2900

b.  Enclosed  
 i.  Amendment/Reply  
 ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
 iv.  Other See 1 in Addendum

## 2. Miscellaneous

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)  
 b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 01-0025  
 i.  RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 02/04/2003 CV0111 00000155 010025 09489079  
 ii.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 750.00 CH  
 iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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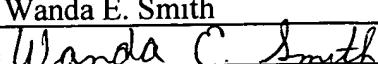
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## Addendum

1. Request for Extension of Time; 1.132 Declaration with Exhibits A, B, and C and Return Receipt Postcard